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LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD ANNOUNCES FREE FEE DAY DURING "NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY", AND WINTER HOURS BEGIN

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. In 2014, the 21st Anniversary of National Public Lands Day will be held on **Saturday**, **Sept. 27**. No fees will be collected at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument on that day.

In 2013, about **175,000 volunteers** worked at 2,237 sites in every state, the District of Columbia and in many U.S. territories.

Several federal agencies; The National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and US Forest Service as well as nonprofit organizations and state, regional and local governments participate in the annual day of caring for public lands. While there are no volunteer projects planned at the National Monument on Saturday, volunteer opportunities exist there throughout the year. You can also go to http://www.publiclandsday.org/npld-sites to find an NPLD volunteer event near you!

NPLD volunteers: Collected an estimated 23,000 pounds of invasive plants; Built and maintained an estimated 1,500 miles of trails; Planted an estimated 100,000 trees, shrubs and other native plants; Removed an estimated 500 tons of trash from trails and other places; Contributed an estimated \$18 million through volunteer services to improve public lands across the country.

National Public Lands Day keeps the promise of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the "tree army" that worked from 1933-1942 to preserve and protect America's natural heritage.

Hours Change: Beginning October 1st, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is changing to winter hours of operation to 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. The self-guiding Deep Ravine Trail and tour road to the Reno-Benteen Battlefield will be open 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. daily. Custer National Cemetery hours are commensurate with the Monument hours.

A 25 minute orientation video, "Triumph and Tragedy Along the Little Bighorn", is shown daily.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument administers the site of one of the most famous battles in American history, the Battle of the Little Bighorn. For more information, please call (406) 638-2621 or visit our web site at www.nps.gov/libi.

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